

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. A preliminary amendment was filed on or about November 15, 2001, requesting permission to amend FIGURE 1. It is noted that the formal drawing does not include the changes. The proposed changes are indicated in red on the enclosed copy of sheet 1 of the drawing. Permission to make the changes is requested.

2. Claims 1-5 are allowed.

3. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. patent 6,445,707 to Iuoras et al. This basis for rejection is traversed, because only one reference is cited to support an obviousness rejection, and because the argument, relating to AAPA, which is not defined, does not appear in the cited reference.

4. Reconsideration and allowance are requested, or at least issuance of an action including more details on AAPA.

5. No fee is believed to be required for this amendment. Please charge any other fees to deposit account 50-2061.

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Encl. Sheet 1 marked to indicate previously proposed changes.
Replacement sheet 1 with changes made

Fig. I

